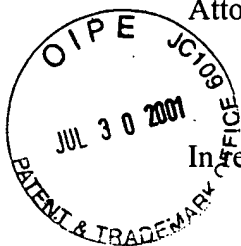


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 28, 2001, Applicant submits a copy of the claims and abstract (pages 15-21) from the parent application, Application No. 08/865,403. These pages were inadvertently not mailed with the original application.

The Notice also requests a new oath or declaration. Applicant respectfully submits that a newly executed oath or declaration is not necessary. The divisional application was filed by the same inventor named in the prior application. In addition, the specification and drawings filed in the divisional application contain no new matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. A copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior application was also submitted for this divisional application. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(1), a newly executed oath or declaration is not required under § 1.51(b)(2) and § 1.53(f) in this divisional application.

Applicant also submits a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge.

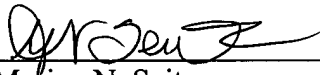
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration does not cover the newly submitted items.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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